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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-64-91

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: GAIN PARTICIPATION PATTERNS IN FOUR COUNTIES

The purpose of this notice is to transmit a copy of the paper entitled "GAIN: Participation Patterns in Four Counties." The paper is the latest in a series of documents prepared by the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) under contract with the State Department of Social Services to evaluate the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

This paper presents basic participation results in four Counties (Butte, Riverside, San Diego, and Tulare). It focuses on describing the overall pattern of results rather than explaining the likely reasons for the findings. These reasons will be addressed in detail in a report currently scheduled for December 1991.

Overall, participation rates shown in this paper are higher than those presented in an earlier MDRC report for a different group of GAIN Counties with a much shorter follow-up study period (11 months vs. 4 months after Orientation). The report shows the strong emphasis on job search assistance and also the widespread use of basic education as a major program service.

If you have any questions concerning the report, please contact your GAIN and Employment Services Operations Bureau analyst, at (916) 324-6962.

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Attachment (to County Welfare Directors and GAIN Coordinators only)

cc: CWDA